

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Saint Benedict Parochial School as it celebrates its anniversary and wishing the students and staff the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING HENRY J. "CHIP"
SCHIRESON

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Henry J. "Chip" Schireson who is completing his 25th year of dedicated public service as a Magisterial District Judge in Lower Merion, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

While efficiently administering a court that averages 1,000 filings each month, Judge Schireson has made a tremendous commitment to positively impacting the youth in the community. His efforts include establishing an innovative and award-winning public service program at Bryn Mawr Hospital, which allows juvenile offenders to serve others to avoid a criminal record. That is just one example of how Judge Schireson utilizes creative sanctions to change the attitudes of offenders and, in some cases, help turn around lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Honorable Henry J. "Chip" Schireson as he celebrates this memorable milestone and honor his extraordinary dedication to making Lower Merion a great place to live, work and raise a family.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CROCKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of William H. Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough, California.

Crocker Middle School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School seven times, most recently in 2007, and is one of only three schools in the entire nation to be awarded a National Blue Ribbon for Secondary Schools on four occasions. Among the school's many other rewards, in 1993, Crocker was named to the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Science's "Top Five World Class Schools."

Crocker Middle School has served the community by constantly reviewing and improving its curriculum and continually striving for academic excellence. The newest addition to the Crocker campus is a building housing a state-of-the-art studio for Hillsborough Television (HTV), band and music instruction rooms, a lecture hall modeled after facilities at Harvard University, and much needed classrooms. This completed a ten year Hillsborough School District renovation project.

Madam Speaker, William H. Crocker Middle School has educated my own children, Jackson and Stephanie, so I can vouch first-hand

to its excellence and the caring and passion of its incredible staff. In addition to strong academic programs in English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, and physical education, Crocker offers electives in the arts and personal development skills such as leadership and public speaking.

The entire Crocker School family believes strongly that its role is to help each child build a foundation that will serve her or him for their entire life. Every aspect of its educational curriculum is designed to build a close, caring community in which every child and every adult is recognized and respected.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to be a William H. Crocker Middle School parent and I salute Crocker's longtime principal, Janet Chun, who has been a beacon of expanded learning that includes a strong community service component. She follows in the impressive footsteps of her predecessors, Fred Schwartz, Carl Zon, Marilyn Loushin Miller, Dan Kreuzer and Larry Raffo, all of whom deserve our recognition and our gratitude. I congratulate everyone in the Crocker community for half a century of academic and community achievement.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF
THE CITY OF COMMERCE'S 50
YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Commerce and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents on the city's 50th Birthday. I am proud to represent this unique city—aptly characterized by its motto, the "Model City"—as part of my 34th Congressional District of California.

While we honor the city's 50 years of official incorporation, the exciting story of the founding and growth of one of Southern California's leading industrial cities dates back to 1810 when a humble Spanish soldier acquired a Spanish land grant that included the present-day City of Commerce.

The city's industrial roots began to take hold from 1871 to 1912 when the land's then-owner, Arcadia Bandini, leased the property to the railroads and other developers—a move that would make the landowner one of the wealthiest women in California.

One of the first industrial manufacturing plants established in the area was a brickyard, the 350 acre Simons Company Plant No. 3. The bricks were used to construct Royce Hall at UCLA, Disney Studios in Burbank and to rebuild San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake.

During the Roaring 20s, Commerce grew from a region of rural farms crisscrossed with a few roads and rail lines into a rail and transportation center and a promising location for heavy industry close to Downtown Los Angeles. During the following decades, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, B.F. Goodrich, U.S. Rubber, the East Los Angeles Rail Station, Chrysler Corporation, Ford and U.S. Steel located manufacturing plants in Commerce and solidified the city's reputation as an industrial center.

Commerce remained both a rural and industrial area until the late 1950s when the construction of the Long Beach and Santa Ana

freeways ushered in a post-war era of rapid suburbanization. As the community grew, residents determined to avoid higher property taxes and improve city services established the Citizens Committee for Incorporation with the help of local business leaders. On January 28, 1960, the community was granted a certificate of incorporation and became the 67th city in Los Angeles County.

Fifty years later, the City of Commerce is still flourishing. It is a diverse community of more than 13,000 people and 1,700 businesses.

To keep up with the changing times, the city successfully brought about the diversification and transformation of the city's industrial base throughout the 1970s and 80s. Today, the city maintains much of its manufacturing and goods-distribution base while successfully converting former industrial land to lucrative commercial uses like the Citadel outlet mall, which occupies the site of the U.S. Rubber tire factory.

The city, however, retains its small town appeal by providing an unmatched range of programs and services. The city operates an award-winning library system, four city parks, a fare-free public transit service and a camp in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Through the city's commitment to providing recreational opportunities to area youth, the city takes pride in producing numerous state and national champions, including two members of the 2008 Olympic Silver Medal United States Women's Water Polo Team and one member of the United States Boxing Olympic Team.

Commerce also remains committed to improving the environment and reducing emissions from trains, trucks and stationary sources of air pollution and is in the process of building a Liquid Natural Gas/Compressed Natural Gas fueling station for eco-friendly vehicles.

The City of Commerce will mark its 50th Birthday in 2010 with a series of community events throughout the year, including its annual Cake Cutting, July 4th Celebration, Miss Commerce Pageant, and Summer Safety Fair.

I am honored to recognize this historic milestone in this city's rich history.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Commerce's first 50 years as this vibrant community continues to live by its motto the "Model City" and work toward a prosperous future.

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KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE
FOUNDATION AND BREAST CAN-
CER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I stand today as a proud cosponsor of a resolution honoring Nancy Goodman Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

This October marks the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the 27th anniversary of Komen for the Cure.

In the Palmetto State, breast cancer occurs in over five thousand women a year and kills